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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/903,368
Filing Date	07/11/2001
First Named Inventor	William P. Tanguay
Group Art Unit	2836
Examiner Name	Sharon A. Polk
Attorney Docket Number	4254-00015

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RTE practice.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/replay under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 19, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02.1000
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 _____ enclosed.
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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PTO/SB/17		COMPLETE IF KNOWN		
FEE TRANSMITTAL		Application Number	09/903,368	
		Filing Date	07/11/2001	
		First Named Inventor	William P. Tanguay	
		Group Art Unit	2836	
		Examiner Name	Sharon A. Polk	
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)		FEE CALCULATION (continued)		
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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/96)		147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for examination		
1. FILING FEE		112 920* 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee		113 1,840* 113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
Fee Fee Fee Fee		115 110 215 55 Extension for response within first month		
Code (\$) Code (\$) Description Paid		116 400 216 200 Extension for response within second month		
01 740 201 370 Utility filing fee		117 920 217 460 Extension for response within third month		
106 330 206 165 Design filing fee		118 1,440 218 720 Extension for response within fourth month		
107 510 207 255 Plant filing fee		128 1,960 228 980 Extension for response within fifth month		
108 740 208 370 Reissue filing fee		119 300 218 150 Notice of Appeal		
114 160 214 80 Provisional filing fee		120 300 220 150 Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)		121 260 221 130 Request for oral hearing		
2. CLAIMS		138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
Total claims - = X =		140 110 240 55 Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application		
Independent Claims - = X =		141 1,240 241 620 Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application		
Multiple Dependent Claims - = X =		142 1,280 242 640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee		143 460 243 230 Design issue fee		
Fee Fee Fee Fee		144 620 244 310 Plant issue fee		
Code (\$) Code (\$) Description Paid		122 130 122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner		
103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20		123 50 123 50 Petitions related to provisional applications		
102 84 202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3		126 240 126 240 Submission of Information Disclos. Stmt.		
104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim		591 40 591 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
109 84 209 42 Reissue independent claims over original patent		146 710 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.29(a))		
110 18 210 9 Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		149 710 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))		
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		RCE Filing Fee		
SUBMITTED BY		Other fee (specify) \$750.00		
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